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## **KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana.

**Tessie R. Lopez**, 38, of Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Lopez** participated in a conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana between Dec. 6, 2005, and Jan. 4, 2006.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Lopez** was in possession with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana between Dec. 6, 2005, and Jan. 4, 2006.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Jackson County Drug Task Force, and the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force.

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